GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1742
ANSWERED ON:07.03.2006
BODO ACCORD
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any initiative to implement the New Bodo Accord signed between the Union Government, State Government of Assam and Bodo Liberation Tigers (BLT) on 10th February, 2003;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken alongwith the progress made so far in this regard, clause-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (c): A Statement is Annexed.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED UESTION NO. 1742 FOR 7.3.2006 BY SHRI SANSUMA KHUNGGUR BWISWMUTHIARY REGARDING BODO ACCORD

(a) & (b): Details of action taken to implement the Memorandum of Settlement (MoS) signed between the Central Government, Government of Assam and the Bodo Liberation Tiger (BL T) on 10.2.2003 are as follows:

i) General Election to the Council held on 13.5.2005 and Bodoland

Territorial Council (BTC) took office.

ii) Scheduled Tribe (list) of Assam has been revised by amending the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes), Order 1950 to protect the interest of Bodo Tribe.

iii) Bodo language has been included into the Eighth schedule of the

Constitution of India.

iv) Article 332 (6) of the Constitution of India has been amended by enacting Constitution (Ninetieth) Amendment Act, 2003 for ensuring the existing representation of the Scheduled Tribes and non-Scheduled Tribes in the Legislative Assembly of the State of Assam from Bodoland Territorial Area District (BTAD).

2. Financial assistance provided to BTC/State Government:

v) Rs.41.70 crore have been released to the Council during the last three years for development of administrative infrastructure in BT AD.

vi) As per MoS, the Government is committed to provide financial assistance of Rs. 100 crore per annum for development of socioÂ-economic infrastructure in BTAD area for 5 years, over and above the normal plan assistance to the State of Assam. The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) had released Rs. 100 crore to the State Government for implementation of 18 projects in BTAD area during the financial year 2004-05. Under the current financial year project worth Rs. 78. 72 crore have been sanctioned and released.

vii) Rs.10 crore and Rs. 7.50 crore have also been released to the State Government of Assam in the year 2004-2005 and 2005-06 respectively for rehabilitation of refugees families affected by ethnic violence who are staying in relief camps in BTAD.

3. Rehabilitation of surrendered ex-BLT cadres:

viii) Rs.11 crore was advanced during 2003-04 and 2004-05 to the State Government for rehabilitation of surrendered BLT cadres.

ix) The Government has also agreed to recruit 1000 ex-BLT cadres in the Central Police Forces (CPFs). 667 ex-BLT cadres have already been recruited in the CPFs so far.

x) Approval has been granted for appointment of 400 ex-BLT cadres as Special Police Officer (SPOs) in BTAD.

4. The establishment of Central Institute of Technology (CIT) at Kokrajhar is in advanced stage.

5. Implementation status of MoS is being reviewed from time to time. Last review meeting was held on 16.2.2006 at New Delhi.

(c): In view of (a) & (b) above, does not arise.